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Military Assistance to El Salvador

I understand that you have under review partial resumption of our military training programs to El Salvador. I am concerned over doing this at this time because of:

(1) Questions as to the seriousness with which the Investigating Commission is carrying out its work and the absence of any progress to date in the promised restructuring of the military;

(2) The criticism which will be sparked by those in this country opposed to military aid to El Salvador, which is compounded by the difficulties which we have encountered in stopping military equipment which is in the pipeline;

(3) The wrong signal which it will give to the Salvadoran military who reportedly have misinterpreted the resumption of economic assistance as indicative of a relaxation of our pressure to clean house and get on with the investigation of the nuns' murder.

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